

GOVERNOR'S TRANSPORTATION VISION 21 TASK FORCE

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The Honorable Jane Dee Hull
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Dear Governor Hull:

On behalf of the Transportation Vision 21 Task Force, we are pleased to submit our Final Report.

Arizona faces tremendous challenges and opportunities as we move into the 21st Century. Our State is expected to grow by an additional 48% in the next twenty years. This growth will bring with it substantial increases in demand for the movement of goods and people throughout our State. We must prepare ourselves to meet this challenge and make the required investments in our transportation system.

After almost three years of work, we have reached consensus on a variety of recommendations intended to improve our State's transportation system and position us to meet our future needs. The recommendations are broadly divided into four major categories that reflect the work of the Task Force. Specifically, we recommend that:

Transportation planning and programming processes should be improved to maximize the utilization of available transportation revenues and also to promote a comprehensive multimodal system that maximizes the effective use of all modes;

The system's accountability should be enhanced to build public confidence in the effective delivery of transportation system improvements and efficient use of public monies;

A twenty-year system budget should be developed and funded to ensure that the proper investment in the statewide transportation system is possible; and

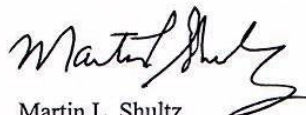
System funding priorities should be identified to focus limited revenues on the most critical and cost effective components of the overall transportation system.

We undertook this project to ensure that Arizona will have an efficient, multimodal transportation system that contributes to the overall quality of life of its citizens and meets the future transportation needs of our entire State. We look forward to working to implement these important recommendations in order to accomplish this goal.

We would like to thank you for your support of our efforts and to thank the members of the Task Force for their persistence and diligence throughout our thorough process.



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